(c) The information is as under:

I. Gold imported at major airports	
From 1-3-92 to17-4-92	941.84 Kgs.
From 18-4-92 to 23-4-92	1203.02 Kgs.
TOTAL :	2145.87 Kgs.
II. Quantum of gold seized	
From 1-3-92 to 16-6-92	287 Kgs.

(d) Government is not considering any proposal to further liberalise its gold policy.

(e) Does not arise.

SCICI finance for fishing units in collaboration with M/s. Consolidated Seafoods Corporation

148. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SCICI has agreed in principle to finance upto 15 per cent of the project cost of a fishing unit sought to be implemented in collaboration with a US firm M/s. Consolidated Seafoods Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the details of this proposal, giving capital costs and the commitment of SCICI; and

(c) what is the present status of this proposal giving details of SCICI's role?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited (SCICI) has reported that it has no proposal currently pending with it from the US firm M/s. Consolidated Seafoods Corporation for the setting up of a fishing unit.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Irregularities in State Bank of Indore

149. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of irregularities/corrupt practices, fraud cases reported/detected in various branches of the State Bank of Indore during 1st April, 1990 till date indicating the details thereof, branch-wise and year-wise;

(b) what is the amount involved in each case and what is the number of persons found guilty therein;

(c) what action has been taken by the Bank against those found guilty in these cases; and

(d) what is the present position of recovery made by the Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Performance of Nationalised Banks

150. SHRI DHULESWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of the United Bank of India had been found to be "below average" in all spheres for most of the year 1991-92, according to an internal revier of the bank by its top managment;

(b) whether any such review of any other nationalised bank like the UCO Bank, New Bank of India, Punjab & Sind Bank and others had also been conducted;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether, recently, malafide banking transactions involving sanction of huge loans/advances/credits by some of these Banks in connivance of the top managerial Officers have come to Government's notice; and

(e) if so, the technique followed in these cases and the steps being taken to balk down such frauds; etc. in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) United Bank of India have reported that the performance of various areas of working is periodically reviewed as a part of the process for effective management control. It is not correct to say that the performance of the bank was found to be below average in all spheres during 1991-92.

(b) and (c) All the public sector banks are required to review the performance of various areas of their working periodically on an on-going basis. Such reviews are conducted with a view to monitor performance and remedial measures, wherever considered necessary, are taken.

(d) Information rgarding malafide banking transactions in these banks have been received by Government and appropriate action has been taken wherever necessary.

(e) The modus operandi and the names of the borrowers responsible for major frauds is circulated for information of banks by Reserve Bank of India, so that banks may exercise caution. Detailed guidelines, especially regarding preventiv vigilance have also been issued.

Tax exasion by milk cooperatives

151. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that during the course of the probe into the excess payment made by the Delhi Milk Scheme to the various dairy cooperatives during the past few years, it was alleged that dairy cooperatives enjoying income-tax rebate are supposed to buy milk from its members only, instead of buying it from private sources, thus evading income-tax to the tune of crores of rupees;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued any orders to the Income-Tax authorities to bring these tax dodgers to task for evasion of Income-Tax;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to process the matter vigorously and recover the income-tax due from all such tax dodgers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No such case of Cooperative Society has come to notice.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

152. *[Transferred to the 7th May,* 1992]

Constitution of Fifth Pay Commission

153. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the date on which the Fourth Pay Commission was constituted;

(b) whether norms have been laid down for constitution of Fifth Pay Commission after expiry of some period; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?